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Reference No. 056393

Mr. Michael Berkoff
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region V
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Chicago, Illinois 60604 - 3590

Dear Mr. Berkoff:

Re: Request for Extension Submittal of Revised Remedial Design
12th Street Landfill Operable Unit No.4
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

This letter has been prepared to acknowledge receipt of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) August 20, 2009 letter transmitting comments on the Remedial Design Addendum for the 12th Street Landfill, Operable Unit No.4, Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site, Allegan and Kalamazoo County (Site) and to request an extension for submittal of Revised Remedial Design (RD) by Weyerhaeuser Company (Weyerhaeuser) required by the letter.

Pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree) which became effective February 22, 2005, a response to the U.S. EPA's letter is required within 30 days of receipt of the letter, which would make the response, including the revised RD, due to the U.S. EPA on September 19, 2009. Weyerhaeuser proposes to provide the U.S. EPA with formal responses to the comments within 30 days of receipt of the August 20, 2009 U.S. EPA's letter pursuant to the Consent Decree. However, as noted in previous discussions of the issue during our meeting with representatives of the U.S. EPA, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and Weyerhaeuser on July 21, 2009, the revisions to the RD to address the changes to the landfill's slope require a minimum of six to eight weeks to complete subsequent to obtaining the U.S. EPA's comments.

Weyerhaeuser trusts that the U.S. EPA is aware of the critical nature and extent of the workload required to revise the RD, which the U.S. EPA spent approximately 30 days, following the meeting on July 21, 2009 to review and provide comments. Moreover, as outlined during the July 21, 2009 meeting and acknowledged by the U.S. EPA, no construction activities will occur in 2009 related to the 12th Street Landfill Remedial Action, therefore, there is still sufficient time to complete the RD prior to the 2010 construction season if the extension is granted. As a result,

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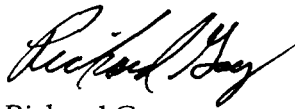
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Weyerhaeuser requests an extension of time through and including October 19, 2009 (i.e., a 30-day extension to the original due date of September 19, 2009) for submittal of the revised RD.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Gay", written in a cursive style.

Richard Gay
Project Manager

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